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- (a) A report of the conference held January 24 and 25, 1948, in New York, with the text of a program adopted at the meeting;
- (b) A copy of Call to a National Conference on American Policy in China and the Far East, together with a list of additional sponsors;
- (c) Release titled "Religious Leaders Retake American's China Policy" dated 21 Jan 48;
- (d) Release titled "General Heng Yu-hsiang to Attend Conference" dated 20 Jan 48.

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January 21, 1948

RELIGIOUS LEADERS REBUKE AMERICA'S CHINA POLICY

Bishop Arthur W. Moulton of the Protestant Episcopal Church; Dr. Edwin McNeill Poteat, President of the Colgate-Rochester Divinity School; Rev. Donald B. Cloward, Executive Secretary of the Council on Christian Social Progress; and five other American religious leaders today issued a statement criticizing the Nanking Government as one which "is now dependent for its very continuance on huge loans and shipments of war material from this country. Such a condition would not exist," the statement pointed out, "if the government really had the support of its people."

"The most harmful and mistaken attitude which American Christians could possibly take at this time," these leaders continued, "is one which approves of bombs and machine guns and rifle ammunition for use against the Chinese people. Our attitude must not only be one of Christian love but also of an understanding of the social ferment which our missionary work has shared in creating. We Christians have a responsibility to share in the making of an American policy that is concerned for the welfare of the Chinese people."

The statement then called for support of the National Conference on American Policy in China and the Far East, which will open with a mass meeting at the City Center Casino in New York City on Friday, January 23, and then move to the Hotel Roosevelt for working sessions on January 24 and 25.

The complete text of the statement and the names of the religious leaders who signed it is attached.

Bernard Seeman
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STATEMENT OF RELIGIOUS LEADERS

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We, the undersigned, endorse the calling of a National Conference on American Policy in China and the Far East at this present moment. It is becoming increasingly apparent that democratic opinion in the world is beginning to question the wisdom of much of the United States policy in China in particular and in the Far East in general.

The Kuomintang government of China is now dependent for its very continuance on huge loans and shipments of war material from this country. Such a condition would not exist if the government really had the support of its people. Many experienced correspondents, government representatives and commercial observers, noting the nature of the Nanking Government, are in favor of withholding American aid to China until the democratic elements in that country come into control of a government which will represent all parties including the one now in power.

The future progress of the United Nations is largely dependent upon the establishment of democratic regimes in the Far Eastern countries, including areas that were formerly colonial. To the extent that United States policy is failing to encourage this democracy it ought to be revised.

The future growth of the Christian Church in China will be harmed or helped by the support which Christians, both American and Chinese, give to the reforms that are obviously and urgently called for in China now. The most harmful and mistaken attitude which American Christians could possibly take at this time is one which approves of bombs and machine guns and rifle ammunition for use against the Chinese people. Our attitude must not only be one of Christian love but also of an understanding of the social ferment which our missionary work has shared in creating. We Christians have a responsibility to share in the making of an American policy that is concerned for the welfare of the Chinese people.

We call for support of this Conference believing that this is a much needed concrete attempt of American citizens to put into practice the traditional democratic affirmations and hopes of the American people.

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GENERAL FENG YU-HSIANG TO ATTEND
CONFERENCE

"Christian General" Feng Yu-hsiang, recently purged from the Kuomintang for his criticism of Chiang Kai-shek, has been appointed by the Kuomintang Revolutionary Committee to observe the National Conference on American Policy in China and the Far East.

General Feng was instructed to attend the Conference by Marshal Li Chi-sum, chairman of the Revolutionary Committee. This group of Kuomintang elders and liberals is pledged to break Chiang's dictatorial grip on the Kuomintang and to unite all democratic organizations and elements into a broad coalition government.

The National Conference on American Policy in China and the Far East will open with a mass meeting at the City Center Casino on Friday, January 23, and then move to the Hotel Roosevelt for working sessions on Saturday and Sunday, January 24 and 25.

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NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON AMERICAN POLICY IN CHINA
AND THE FAR EAST - 111 West 42nd St New York

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

After two days of intensive scrutiny and discussion of United States policy in China, Japan, Korea, India, the Philippines and Indonesia, the National Conference on an American Policy in China and the Far East, announced a program of citizenship action designed to democratize United States policy toward those nations.

The Conference, which was held in the Hotel Roosevelt in New York, Saturday and Sunday, January 24th and 25th, was attended by over 400 delegates and observers representing 107 organizations throughout the country. These included church groups, trade unions, veterans organizations, women's groups, educational organizations and various other citizen groups. The Conference heard factual reports, made by authorities on the subject, on the situations in each of those areas and the effects of this U.S. policy on the labor and inflation situation at home.

Among the speakers were Dr. Rexford Guy Tugwell, former Governor of Puerto Rico; Hugh DeLacy, former U. S. Congressman from Washington; Anna Louise Strong, World Journalist; Dr. James G. Endicott, ex-missionary in China for the United Church of Canada and former advisor to Chiang Kai-shek; Dr. Derk Struik of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology; Israel Epstein, author of "The Unfinished Revolution in China"; T. A. Bisson, former advisor to Government Section, SCAP, Japan; Mark Gayn, journalist; Bernard Seeman, co-author of "Cross Currents in the Philippines"; Sheikh Mohammed Abdullah, Premier of Kashmir; and others. Following these reports, the floor was opened to general discussion and the program of action was evolved from these discussions.

The Conference also decided to call a "Stop American Intervention in China" Week. During this week, mass meetings will be called throughout the country; there will be a petition campaign for a million signatures; picket lines before the Chinese consulate and at docks and wharfs where shipments of arms are being loaded for China; delegations will be sent to Washington and the United Nations.

About 50 CIO, AFL and independent unions attending the Conference pledged their "whole-hearted support to any action that may be taken by maritime labor in the United States to aid the cause of peace by depriving the reactionary warmakers in China of arms." These unions also called "upon the World Federation of Trade Unions to urge its affiliates to halt shipments of arms to Chiang Kai-shek as well as to France and the Netherlands, who are now waging war against the Indonesian and Viet Nameese people who are striving to achieve their national independence."

Full text of the Conference program of action is attached. Enclosed also is a Call, listing the sponsors, national chairmen and program of the Conference.

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For the Philippines

- 1- Repeal the Philippine Trade Act
- 2- Repeal Section 601 of the Philippine Rehabilitation Act
- 3- Withdraw all U.S. troops and military equipment from the Philippines
- 4- End American support to the fascist Roxas administration
- 5- Relief for the Filipino people through the United Nations
- 6- Trade agreement between U.S. and the Philippines providing for the exchange of Philippine raw materials for American machinery
- 7- Loan from the World Bank to Philippine industrialization with long term credit
- 8- Full G.I. rights to Filipino veterans including recognition of the Hukbalahap veterans.

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For Indonesia

- 1- Condemn the present use of American material and funds by the Netherlands in its aggression against the Indonesian Republic: make no further loans, grants, or shipments of war material to the Netherlands for the duration of its policy of aggression.
- 2- Instruct the American Delegation to the Security Council to support all measures to reject the latest so-called "settlement" arranged by the Good Office Committee, since it does not establish any basis for peace in Indonesia, and gives international action to Netherlands aggression.
- 3- Demand that the Netherlands cease its blockade of trade and communications with the Indonesian Republic, and that it, instead, permit free access to American trade and communications with the Republic.
- 4- Implement present de facto recognition of the Indonesian Republic by the United States by according that Government full de jure recognition.

For immediate actions - (Indonesia)

The Good Offices Committee is expected to make its report to the Security Council on January 31...The State Department, on January 20 stated that it "will follow with deepest interest the progress of construction in the NETHERLANDS EAST INDIES, and is exploring ways and means of extending economic and financial assistance for this reconstruction."

- 1- That a Delegation be sent to the State Department before January 31st.
- 2- That efforts be made to secure Congressional action on the Indonesian question
- 3- That a Delegation be sent to the Security Council before January 31
- 4- That all maritime unions consider an immediate boycott of shipping to the Dutch in Indonesia, as originally proposed by the National Maritime Union and the International Longshoremen's & Warehousemen's Union
- 5- That the racial barrier against Indonesian immigration be removed from the Immigration and Naturalization Laws, and that a just and equitable quota be established for Indonesians.
- 6- That the film, INDONESIA CALLING be given the widest possible circulation
- 7- That the Conference send a telegram to the State Department urging that American policy be based on the four-point program above.

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For JAPAN

- 1- We oppose the 150 million dollar industrial pump-priming loan to an old regime which has ruined the economy and brought on disastrous inflation
- 2- We urge an early peace treaty, agreed upon by four powers, that must include basic democratic guarantees (land reform, Zaibatsu dissolution, complete elimination of militarist and national influence, democratization of the educational system, etc.)
- 3- We demand the abolition of the labor system in Japan. To carry out the mandate encouraging development of a free labor movement in Japan, the labor boss system must be abolished.
- 4- We oppose the use of Japan as a military base against the people's forces in the Far East.

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Program of Action for South Korea

- 1- The immediate dismissal of former Japanese collaborators and traitors from police forces and other public offices.
- 2- The immediate release of all labor leaders and political prisoners from prison.
- 3- The immediate dissolution of all terroristic organizations, and just action toward their leaders.
- 4- Immediate and thorough house-cleaning of all profiteers and blackmarket speculators from advisory positions in the American Military Government.
- 5- The immediate lifting of bans on newspapers and the establishment of rights of free speech, assembly, and organization.
- 6- All aid to be given to the establishment of a government based on the unity of all Korean people, North and South. No aid must be given to the establishment of a separate government.
- 7- All Koreans must be allowed to choose their own form of government without foreign pressure.
- 8- The withdrawal, at the earliest possible date, to be agreed upon by American and Soviet authorities, of all troops from the soil of Korea.

Our Conference Demands: *on China*

1. No arms, no loans, no troops for Chiang Kai-shek's corrupt dictatorship, present or contemplated!
2. Take the U.S. Advisory Military Assistance Group (MAGIC) out of China, and the U.S. Fleet out of Chinese waters.
3. Give large-scale American help, through the United Nations, to a democratic coalition Chinese government when it is formed by the Chinese people!

To realize these demands, the following action program was adopted:

- 1- Each delegate and observer immediately report to his organization and community the facts and issues presented at this Conference and documented by the Fact Book of the Committee for a Democratic Far Eastern Policy. Public meetings to be held throughout the country to spread the knowledge of what is happening in China and the role played by American men, money, and munitions:
- 2- Each Conference member take steps to put his organization on record against the present China policy and the intensification of it now planned by the administration:
- 3- A delegation representing the leadership and membership of this Conference call upon the Secretary of State at the earliest opportunity to convey to him our sharp protest against the government's China policy.
- 4- All organizations represented at this Conference as well as individual delegates demand fair and adequate hearings in both houses of Congress on the new interventionary program which may be announced in the next few days and express their view at those hearings:
- 5- An immediate political campaign be undertaken to persuade our Representatives and Senators to vote against the new program.
- 6- All Conference members and their organizations make our China policy an important issue in the 1948 campaign, and back only candidates who support a democratic policy toward China:
- 7- A bill be introduced in both houses of Congress calling for a halt to intervention and for a new democratic policy.
- 8- We call for militant community action throughout the country and especially in port cities to stop shipment of arms to Chiang Kai-shek. We call for mass meetings, demonstrations and picket lines at the docks.
- 9-- We demand immediate publication of the full Wedemeyer report.

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Saturday, January 24 at the Hotel Roosevelt Madison Ave. and 45th Street

9:00 - 10:00 AM Registration of Delegates, Observers and Visitors
Meeting of Sponsors

10:00 - 12:00 AM Opening Session

Chairman: Hon. Stanley M. Isaacs
Election of Conference Committee
Delegates' Hour: Opportunity to present questions
to Experts on the Far East
Keynote Address: Hugh Bryson

1:30 - 4:30 PM What Is The United States Doing In China?

Israel Epstein - Frederick V. Field - Hugh DeLacy
Delegates Discussion: What Do We Do About It?

7:30 - 9:30 PM What Is The United States Doing In Southeast Asia?

Dr. Derk Struik - Bernard Seeman
Sheikh Mohammed Abdullah, Premier of Kashmir
Delegates Discussion: What Do We Do About It?
Entertainment

Sunday, January 25

9:30 - 10:15 AM Memorial Service for Brigadier General Evans Fordyce Carlson

Chairman: Agnes Smedley

Speakers: Michael Straight
General Feng Yu-hsiang

Veterans of the Pacific Campaign will participate

10:30 - 12:15 PM What Is The United States Doing In Japan And Korea?

T. A. Bisson - Mark Gayn
Delegates Discussion: What Shall We Do About It?

2:00 - 4:30 PM Closing Session

Report of the Conference Committee:
Suggested Action Program
Discussion and Adoption of Program

Closing Address: Paul Robeson

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National Conference on American Policy In China and the Far East

Friday, Saturday
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January 23-25, 1948

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"His Daily Rice"

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"It is my considered opinion that future generations will regard the betrayal of the Chinese people by the American Government in the Truman Administration as one of the greatest errors ever made in American diplomacy."

Brig. Gen. Evans F. Carlson, U.S.M.C.

The three undersigned National Chairmen,

call upon all interested organizations to send delegates and observers to a National Conference on American Policy in China and the Far East, to be held in New York City, January 23rd, 24th and 25th, 1948.

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The Purposes of the Conference are to discuss and plan action on —

1. The halting of United States intervention in China and other friendly Far Eastern countries.
2. The carrying out of the democratic decisions of the Potsdam Agreement and the Moscow Conference regarding policies in Japan and Korea.
3. The relationship between Far Eastern policy and domestic well-being.
4. A program to achieve a genuinely democratic Far Eastern policy which alone can give any hope of peace.
5. Rallying all democratic Americans to support of such a program.

We Americans have always felt a pride and strength in our heritage as a democratic people. Our Government's present Far Eastern policy violates our most cherished American political beliefs and threatens our own democracy.

In China, the largest nation on earth, United States policy, through military, financial and political intervention, is aiding in the imposition of a backward, corrupt, and violently anti-democratic regime which the vast majority of the Chinese people themselves repudiate. The most reactionary elements in the United States are now scheming for further intervention on a scale which will subject the Chinese people to an autocracy dependent upon outside financial and military help—that is the United States—for its continued existence. This American intervention also violates the Charter of the United Nations.

In Japan, many observers, Americans and others, are deeply disturbed over the practically unilateral American occupation which seems less concerned about eradicating the reactionary elements responsible for Pearl Harbor than in now harnessing these elements to the dangerous ambitions of an anti-democratic American group.

In the Philippines, the American Government is giving energetic support to Filipino collaborationists and other betrayers of their country's independence; and by imposing upon the Philippines economic conditions inimical to their development as a free nation, is making a mockery of Philippine independence.

In Indonesia, the people struggling against their Dutch oppressors have been forsaken by an American policy evidently geared to safeguarding the status quo rather than to giving encouragement to those seeking freedom and a rising standard of living.

In Southern Korea, where American occupation forces now rule over people who were our allies in the war, economic chaos and political fascism are the fruits of American policy.

The American democratic heritage and destiny is now suffering what may prove irrevocable damage from the present Far Eastern policy of our Government. This policy is costing us tax-payers billions of futile dollars; it is postponing the healthy trans-Pacific trade we should be enjoying; it is creating conditions that contribute toward an economic depression here at home; it is fast making enemies of the millions of Asia who are our natural allies in the desire for a peaceful and democratic world; it is engendering international frictions which can easily lead us into another war.

It is time for democratic American citizens to act. In addition to organizational delegates and observers we invite individuals to attend as visitors.

This Conference will bring together citizens who wish to secure the facts and understand the issues related to Far Eastern policy, and to discuss the means of effective citizenship action on that policy. The Conference will assist the delegates and individuals to carry back to their organizations and communities the facts, insights, convictions and suggested methods of action necessary at this time. All decisions of the Conference will come out of floor discussion and, we hope, will be implemented in whole or in part, by each organization in its own way.

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